

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-40 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 16, 25, 27 and 28 are amended herein. Claims 2, 23-24, 26 and 40 are cancelled herein. No new matter has been added. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating Allowable Subject Matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating Allowable Subject Matter. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 2-4 and 26-28 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in Independent form, including any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended Independent Claim 1 to include the claimed features of allowable Claim 2. As such, Applicants believe Claims 1 and 3-15 to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants have amended Independent Claim 16 to include similar features of allowable amended Independent Claim 1. As such, Applicants believe Claims 16-22 to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants have amended Independent Claim 25 to include the features of allowable Claim 26. As such, Applicants believe Claims 25 and 27-39 to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants submit Claims 1, 3-15, 16-22, 25 and 27-39 to be in condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims. Applicants also submit that no contested claims remain pending.

CLAIM REJECTIONSRejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 5-9, 15-25, 29-33 and 39-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Boulanger et al., Patent No. 6,583,808 in view of Domschitz (200400645404). Applicants respectfully submit the rejection is moot in view of the current amendments.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 10-14, and 34-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Boulanger in view of Elbaz et al, U.S. Patent No. 6, 757,005 (hereinafter, Elbaz) and in further view of Domschitz. Applicants respectfully submit the rejection is moot in view of the current amendments.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above-listed remarks and amendments, reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested. Applicants submit Claims 1, 3-15, 16-22, 25 and 27-39 to be in condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims. Based on the amendments and arguments presented above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 3-15, 16-22, 25 and 27-39 overcome the rejections of record. Therefore, allowance of Claims 1, 3-15, 16-22, 25 and 27-39 is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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